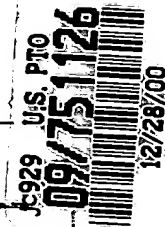


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1. This application entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTHORIZING NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT ENCASHMENT is:
- X A new application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).
 - A continuation divisional or continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of prior application Serial No. / filed on , entitled .
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Application elements and other attached papers:

- X Specification (including Claims and Abstract) [Total Pages 14]
- X Drawings (informal / X formal) [Total Sheets 4]
- X Oath or Declaration
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 - Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
- Incorporation By Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Item 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
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